

COURT ASSUMES
CHARGE OF ROADBaltimore Line Goes Into
Hands of Receivers.

ITS FINANCES TANGLED

President and Counsel Named
as Fiscal Agents.

W. B. & A. Electric Railroad, Embarrassed by Fixed Charges and Improvement Expenses, Invokes Aid of Courts to Protect Rights of Investors—\$6,000,000 Capital Invested in Enterprise in 1907.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28.—Judge Morris, of the United States Circuit Court for the State of Maryland, to-day appointed George T. Bishop, of Cleveland, Ohio, and George Weems Williams, of Baltimore, receivers for the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway Company. Mr. Bishop is president and Mr. Williams is counsel for the company. They will operate the property under the direction of the court without any change in its schedule and service.

The application for the receivership was made by George A. Craig, of Toledo, Ohio, a stockholder and creditor, through his attorneys, Messrs Taylor, Keach, Wright and Lord. The proceedings were not resisted by the officers and others interested in the property.

Capitalized at \$6,000,000.

The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Company is capitalized at \$6,000,000. There are more than 90 stockholders, the majority of whom are residents of Cleveland. A number of local capitalists are also interested. The road has been in operation since April, 1908, and its business has been fairly good. Over 16,000 passengers were carried the first year and the number has steadily increased.

It was stated last night that the road has always been able to pay its operating expenses in full, but has not earned its fixed charges; hence, the application for the receivership.

There are now twenty of the large passenger cars in operation, but there is soon to be a general change in the equipment, thirty-four smaller cars taking the place of those now in service. The first delivery of the new cars will be made in a few days, and it is expected that all of them will be in operation within ninety days.

Mr. Bishop Makes Statement.

President Bishop, who is now in this city, last night authorized the following statement:

The receivership for the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway Company was today declared by the United States Circuit Court for the State of Maryland. It is necessary for the protection of the company's assets and the interests of its investors, that the company's affairs be placed under the supervision of the court. It is believed that the receivership will result in a more efficient management of the company's affairs and in the payment of its obligations.

Accounts which the company is unable to pay are pressing, and under the plan decided upon by the court, the company will be able to pay its obligations as they come due.

A plan for funding the accrued and accruing interest and other indebtedness will be soon submitted to the court, and it is the belief of the officers of the company that no drastic action will be necessary.

QUARREL ENDS IN MURDER.

Mill Employee Dies from Blow on the Head.

New York, Oct. 28.—George L. Swift, a mill employee, twenty-five years of age, died today at the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, from the effects of a blow on the head, struck yesterday by Waverly, a youth of sixteen, who was employed in the mill with Swift.

According to information in the hands of the police, Swift and Waverly became involved in a quarrel over their work at the mill, which led to two assaults on Waverly by Swift. When the last was committed, Waverly picked up a bobbin and dealt Swift the fatal blow.

Franchise Ducting Explained.

London, Oct. 28.—Replying to a question asked by Mr. Hardie, Laborite member and defender of the rights of suffragettes, Home Secretary Gladstone admitted in the House of Commons to-day that the report of a visit to the suffragettes by the fire hose had been played on a suffragette prisoner, who had been barred out of the warders from her cell.

Mr. Gladstone said he regretted the circumstances, and ordered the release of prisoners.

Not a Triple Murderer.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—Coroner Savage today rejected the denial made by him last night that Frederick Gebhardt, the confessed murderer of Anna Luther, had confessed to having murdered two other women.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair and cool to-day; to-morrow, fair, with slowly rising temperature; moderate northwesterly winds, becoming variable.

SNOWING HARD AT OAKLAND.

Western Maryland in Grasp of the Storm King.

Oakland, Md., Oct. 28.—Garrett County is hard and fast within the grasp of the storm king. This morning early the temperature dropped below the freezing point and the snow started to fall thick and fast. The prospects are that there will be five or six inches on the ground.

KILLS YOUNG WIFE.

State Troops Search in Vain for the Murderer.

South Braintree, Mass., Oct. 28.—James Miller, twenty-eight years old, met his wife Gladys at the railroad station this evening and, vainly pleading with her to return to him, shot and killed her.

Then he kept a number of men at bay by firing shots in the air and made his escape, going in the direction of the town of Randolph.

The State troops started a search for him, but late to-night he had not been apprehended.

WIFE SHOTS GAMBLER.

Answers Husband's Objections to Reno Divorce with Gun Play.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 28.—A. E. Talbot, a millionaire gambler, widely known all along the Coast, was probably fatally shot this afternoon by his wife, after a violent quarrel over a divorce suit which she intended to file to-day.

Last night she threatened to bring suit and Talbot beat her severely. To-day he followed her to an attorney's office and threatened her, when she pulled a gun and shot him twice in the right breast.

ANOTHER BODY CAST ASHORE.

It Is Certain Thirty-five Lost Their Lives in Hestia Wreck.

St. Johns, Oct. 28.—One more body, supposed to be that of a member of the crew of the ill-fated Dominion Line steamship Hestia, drifted ashore at Port Maitland, N. S., to-day. It had not been identified.

So far only seven bodies have been found, and it is believed that most of the others were carried out to sea.

It is certain thirty-five persons lost their lives in the disaster. The hull of the Hestia is fast going to pieces. It was learned to-day there were five boats on the steamer. Two of them were smashed and one was washed away empty and one was washed away with one man in it.

Two or three hours before any one attempted to leave the ship, and the fifth contained Capt. Newman and twenty-four people.

Capt. Newman's craft was the only metal lifeboat on the ship. As this has been washed up on the Nova Scotia coast, there is no doubt of the fate of its occupants.

UNIONISTS WIN ELECTION.

Suffragette's Attempt to Destroy Ballots by Acid Causes Row.

London, Oct. 28.—The result of the Bermondsey election is a substantial Unionist victory, but the government defeat is not quite so decisive as was hoped for by the Conservatives.

The figures are as follows: J. Humphreys (Unionist), 4,278; S. L. Hughes (Liberal), 3,291, and Dr. Saiter (Socialist), 1,455. In the last general election the Liberal majority was 1,750. The Unionists carried the constituency in 1906 by 300 majority.

Mrs. Chapin, a suffragette, attempted to destroy the ballots in a booth at the election by smashing a bottle containing staining fluid upon the ballot box and throwing the contents about the booth.

At the same time a similar attempt was made by a young girl wearing the suffragette colors.

Mrs. Chapin succeeded in badly burning several of the election officers, but the other attempt was a total failure. In neither case were the ballots injured. She was arrested.

SEEKS ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor Also Names Three Co-respondents in Suit.

New York, Oct. 28.—It was learned to-day that the suit brought by Mrs. John Jacob Astor is for absolute divorce, and that three co-respondents are named in her complaint. Before Mrs. Astor began her suit she learned her husband had taken her son Vincent from a preparatory school, and that the boy was with his father cruising in the latter's yacht.

Col. Astor and his wife, according to report, had a serious disagreement while they were in Europe last summer, and he preceded his wife to this country. He is said to have known then that Mrs. Astor would sue for divorce.

Col. Astor's secretary said to-day he expected Col. Astor to return late next month.

ASSASSIN ADMITS PLOT.

Slayer of Prince Ito Tells of Oath by Koreans.

Harbin, Manchuria, Oct. 28.—The assassin of Prince Ito was identified to-day as Inchan Angan, a former editor of a newspaper at Seoul.

He said that he was one of an organization of twenty Koreans who had taken an oath that they would kill the Japanese statesmen.

Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 28.—Official announcement of the assassination of Prince Ito is accompanied by an Imperial decree ordering a state funeral next Thursday.

Such an honor has been paid only three times in Japan's history for any one not a prince of the blood.

What is known as a "glorious death name" will also be given to the slain statesman.

Joseph H. Turner Dead.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Joseph H. Turner, general agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad, died at his home here early to-day after a brief illness.

Chickadee's Flowers for Weddings.

Chickadee, blooms, 14th and H streets.

TRAIN ROBBER SURRENDERS.

Man Who Stole Lincoln Pennies from Express Confesses.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—Declaring that he was tired of trying to evade the law, a neatly dressed man, who gave his name as Thomas O'Brien, surrendered himself to the police to-night, saying he was the highwayman who, single-handed, held up the Pennsylvania express in the wild gorge of the Lewistown Narrows August 21 last. The man, after making confession, was locked up.

The detectives believe he is not a fanatic. He was careful before he gave himself up to find out if the policeman to whom he surrendered was married. He said that, as a large reward had been offered for his capture, he wanted to give preference to "some man with a family."

One hundred dollars in pennies was the result of his escape, O'Brien declared. Of this sum all but 50 cents had been spent in the Tenderloin in this city.

MAY NOT BEATIFY COLUMBUS.

Incidents in Explorer's Life May Prevent Church Honoring Him.

Rome, Oct. 28.—It has been learned the efforts of American Catholics to obtain the beatification of Christopher Columbus are likely to be without result.

A member of the congregation which has been investigating the matter has learned of several incidents in the explorer's life which may prevent his beatification.

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MILLION TO FIGHT
HOOKWORM PLAGUERockefeller Starts War on
Strange Southern Disease.

PLANS SCIENTIFIC PROBE

Standard Oil King Consults
with Dixie Educators.

Finances Movement to Investigate and Seek Cure for "Lazy Bug" Malady in Rural South—Says He Makes Gift in Appreciation of the Kindnesses Shown Him There. Commission at Work on Plans.

New York, Oct. 28.—John D. Rockefeller has given \$1,000,000 for the eradication of the hookworm, the lazy man's bug of the South.

His agents in the Standard Oil Building in this city made the announcement to-day. The disbursement of the money will rest with a committee of twelve, of which John D. Rockefeller, jr., is a member.

The idea of going after the hookworm in a scientific manner presented itself to Mr. Rockefeller some months ago, and since then he has been making inquiries through his agents as to the possibility of fighting it. A week ago Wednesday Frederick T. Gates, one of Mr. Rockefeller's agents, at 25 Broadway, sent telegrams to some of the men with whom Mr. Rockefeller had spoken on the subject of the hookworm, asking them to come to his office here and talk the matter over.

Eminent Southerners Consulted.

The summons was addressed to Dr. William B. Welch, professor of pathology in Johns Hopkins University, and president of the American Medical Association; Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for medical research; Dr. Charles W. Stiles, who is chief of the division of Zoology in the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and the discoverer of the American species of hookworm; and one of the first to appreciate the prevalence of the disease, Dr. Edwin A. Algren, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. David P. Houston, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis; R. B. Claxton, professor of education in the University of Tennessee; J. E. Joyner, State superintendent of education in North Carolina and president of the National Educational Association; Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work, and Dr. H. P. Driscoll, principal of Hampton Institute.

With the exception of Prof. Claxton and Mr. Joyner, these men met John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Frederick T. Gates, and Starr J. Murphy, representing Mr. Rockefeller, in this city last Tuesday morning. Mr. Rockefeller himself stayed in Cleveland. This letter was read to them.

Wants Full Investigation.

"For many months my representatives have been inquiring into the nature and prevalence of 'hookworm disease,' and considering plans for mitigating its evils. I have delayed action in this matter only until the facts as to the extent of the disease could be verified and the effectiveness of its cure and prevention demonstrated.

"The wide distribution and serious effects of this malady, particularly in the rural districts of our Southern States, first pointed out by Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, have now been confirmed by independent observation of other distinguished investigators and physicians, as well as by educators and public men of the South.

"Knowing your interest in all that pertains to the well-being of your fellow-men and your acquaintance with this subject, I have invited to a conference, in the hope that it may lead to the adoption of well-considered plans for a co-operative movement of the medical profession, public health officials, boards of trade, churches, schools, the press, and other agencies, for the cure and prevention of this disease. If you deem it wise to undertake this commission, I shall be glad to be permitted to work with you to that end, and you may call upon me from time to time for such sums of money as may be needed during the next five years for carrying on an aggressive campaign, up to a total of \$1,000,000."

Mr. Rockefeller added:

Appreciation of South's Kindness.

"That it is peculiar pleasure to me to feel that the principal activities of your board will be among the people of our Southern States, because the work which it proposes to do might 'in some measure express his appreciation of their many kindnesses and hospitalities.

The committee spent most of the day in a discussion, and at the end of it dispatched a letter to Mr. Rockefeller, accepting his commission and agreeing to accept on the board, which they named 'The Rockefeller Commission for the Eradication of the Hookworm Disease.'

Prof. Claxton and Mr. Joyner, the two members who were absent, had previously given their acquiescence to the plan, and their names were signed to the letter, along with those of the others.

The commission will meet again soon for organization and for the mapping out of the work which it has set out to do.

Population of France Declines.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Official statistics for the first six months of 1909 show a continued decline in the population of France. The marriages decreased 6,201, as compared with 1908; divorces increased by 543, births decreased 12,852, and deaths increased by 25,013.

Fred Niblo's Ireland Is a Delight.

To-day, 4:30; Columbia Theater; 25c to \$1.

REBUKE FOR ROME'S MAYOR.

Freemasons Will Bring Executive to Trial for Meeting Czar.

Rome, Oct. 28.—It is reported the Freemasons intend to bring Mayor Nathan, the Jew Socialist mayor of Rome, to trial. Nathan was formerly grand master of the order.

He accepted the invitation of King Victor Emmanuel to visit Raconigi during the Czar's call there, and thereby incurred criticism from members of his party. After the Czar left for home it was discovered Nathan was the only person who had not been decorated by the Russian monarch. This was due to Nathan's refusal of a decoration.

It is the Social Democrats and Radicals who have provoked the Masonic trial which is likely to end in a reprimand.

DYNAMITE MADE SAFER.

Important Testimony Brought Out at Trial of Du Pont Company.

New York, Oct. 28.—It was brought out in connection with to-day's hearing in the suit of the government against the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, that great improvements had been made recently in the manufacture of powder and dynamite, and that the manufacture of both explosives had been made safer by the so-called powder trust.

HINTS AT BRIBERY

Dr. Cook Speaks at Home Town of E. N. Barrill.

WILL CLIMB MCKINLEY AGAIN

Arctic Explorer Tells People of Hamilton, Mont., He Is Victim of Money-givers Who Seek to Rob Him of Glory Rightfully Achieved. Countryside Welcomes Him.

Hamilton, Mont., Oct. 28.—"Hamilton and Missoula have clearly shown their disapproval of this battle of injustice. They have shown they do not believe this malicious turn of rival powers. Your fairness and your faith is a pledge of human nature worth more than millions thrown into the hell of bribery."

With this statement Dr. Frederick A. Cook closed his address in the home town of Edward N. Barrill and Fred Prinz, the guides who were with him on his Mount McKinley climb.

The entire countryside turned out en masse to see and hear the doctor. His visit to the mountain town was a complete victory. The opera house where he spoke was packed to overflowing.

Regarding the Mount McKinley affair, Dr. Cook said:

Tells of Warfare.

"At the time of my arrival in New York after two years and three months in the Arctic regions, and when all America was rejoicing over the double discovery of the north pole, there began a warfare to rob me of the glory of an achievement which was and is rightly mine.

"When that warfare failed, the enemy began this flank movement on the climb of Mount McKinley. Men with money to burn in the flame of infamy entered the arena. Men of this community whom I had previously believed honest fell as victims. Their statements were absolutely untrue. Still, in spite of revenge or malice against these misguided men, my counsel, however, have been instructed, to continue their investigation until we catch the guilty money givers higher up.

"After you have read the mass of testimony which my counsel has collected I am ready to abide by your verdict. Then with a new expedition Mount McKinley I will guarantee our future position. My records are on the summit of the Alaskan peak, and accompanied by unbiased, fair-minded men, I pledge you my word that I will again reach the top of the mountain, and bring back this unquestionable proof of the success of my former expedition."

PEARY AND BORUP ASSAILED.

Yale Professor Denounces Wanton Killing of Musk-ox.

New Haven, Oct. 28.—Dr. George R. Wieland, instructor in paleontology at Yale University, in the Yale Alumni Weekly, out tonight, has a sharp comment on George Borup, the Yale graduate who was a member of the Peary expedition. Incidentally, Dr. Wieland takes a fall out of Commander Peary.

Borup's letter of his experiences in the Arctic regions was published in the Weekly last week. Dr. Wieland says:

"The letter of Borup is a saddening human document, a wicked one. In it we read of the wanton killing of several scores of musk oxen, these now nearly extinct denizens of the frozen northland."

"Where was Peary then in view of his thirty-five miles a day formation, where was he? Or did he culpably connive at the slaughter of the last herds of musk oxen in order that explorers following in his footsteps should find difficulty in emulating his deeds?"

"Where is the use or the glory in reaching the pole with a blot like this on the record of the achievement, if actually achieved?"

C. & O. Official Dies.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 28.—O. B. Smith, aged forty-seven years, local general passenger and freight agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, died to-day after a lingering illness of nearly a year. He had been with the company for twenty-three years and was a native of Petersburg, Va.

Killed by Mine Cave-in.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 28.—Thomas Williams, son of Andrew Williams, of the Allegheny mines, near Frostburg, was instantly killed in mine No. 3 of the Union Mining Company, this morning, by a roof caving in. He was working with his father, who escaped unhurt.

The Oriental Rug Sale.

Continues at the Sloan Galleries, 147 G street to-day at 11 and 3. Many desirable rugs will be sold at these sessions, and each one is fully warranted by Messrs. Boyajian, of New York, who have had them all thoroughly renovated, so that they are ready for immediate use.

MITCHELL WANTS QUIET.

Labor Leader Urges Peaceful Celebration in His Honor.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 28.—By the advice of John Mitchell, the celebration of Mitchell day throughout the anthracite region to-morrow will be a quiet one. Instead of parades the locals will hold meetings.

Mitchell will speak to the miners at Shenandoah.

GIVES LIFE TO SAVE CHILD.

Laborer Rescues Girl from Wheels of Train.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 28.—Edward Olson, a laborer, sacrificed his life in the Union Pacific Railroad yards to-day in an effort to save that of Annie Kozinski, aged thirteen years.

With her sister, the latter tried to cross in front of a freight train. The sister got over in safety, but the train started just as the younger one was standing on the draw-head.

Seeing that she was about to fall, Olson stepped in to save her. He caught her in his arms, when both fell, Olson's legs being cut off. He died within a few hours. Both hands of the girl were badly cut, and one was amputated.

HAMMERSTEIN BRINGS SUIT.

Impresario Demands \$5,000 from Mrs. C. H. Mackay.

New York, Oct. 28.—Oscar Hammerstein began suit against Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay in the Supreme Court to-day to recover \$5,000 for the services of Mr. Campanini and the Manhattan Opera House orchestra on the night of Sunday, January 31, 1909.

Mr. Hammerstein said to-night that he had sent bills to Mrs. Mackay several times and even had sent his son, Arthur Hammerstein, to talk the matter over with her.

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